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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CPAS PFOR LA  
SUBJ: PLACE OF BIRTH IN PASSPORTS

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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL TO ASK OFFICIALS  
OF LAO COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WHETHER US PASSPORT WHICH DID  
NOT SPECIFY PLACE OF BIRTH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR ENTRY INTO  
LPDR. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT THEY RARELY REPLY TO SUCH  
QUESTIONS AUTHORITATIVELY OR IN ANY REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

2. WE ARE NOT SURE THAT LAO AS OF NOW HAVE ANY STRONG  
FEELINGS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ABOUT INCLUSION OF ITEM ALTHOUGH  
THEY DO LIST PLACE OF BIRTH ON THEIR OWN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND  
ON IMMIGRATION FORMS.

3. REFAIR INDICATES THAT QUESTION OF INCLUSIONHRF ITEM  
WAS RAISED MAINLY BY NATURALIZED CITIZENS WORRIED THAT IT COULD  
RESULT IN DIFFICULTIES FOR THEM IN COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY  
WERE BORN BUT WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT MANY LAO WHO HAVE  
BECOME NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF US WILL WANT TO RETURN TO THIS  
COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. FOR REASONS CITED ABOVE, WE DO NOT PLAN TO APPROACH HOST  
GOVERNMENT, AS REQUESTED REFAIR, REGARDING INCLUSION OF PLACE  
OF BIRTH IN PASSPORT, UNLESS DEPARTMENT SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTS  
US TO DO SO.

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